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In the House of Commons on February 27th, Mr. Baldwin informed Mr. Hannon (C. Mosley) that the sum owing by the French Government to Great Britain was approximately £310,000,000 sterling.

SUGAR PRODUCTION IN AUSTRALIA.

The cane sugar yield for Queensland for the crushing season just closed is estimated at 288,000 tons of raw sugar, the second heaviest yield on record. The total Australian yield for the season should be about 305,000 tons, which will be in excess of the annual consumption. The amount of cane passed through the rollers was approximately 2,194,700 tons. The record Queensland yield was 307,000 tons in 1917.

AUSTRALIA'S POPULATION.

The Commonwealth Statistician has issued figures showing the total population of Australia up to 30th June, 1922. In 1901 the population totalled 3,773,801, and in 1922 a jump was made to 5,507,000, an increase of 1,734,199 in 21 years. The greater proportion of this increase must be credited to the past 11 years, as the number of people in the Commonwealth has risen by 1,112,964 since 1911.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

The King and Queen visited the British Industries Fair at the White City on February 19th. Their Majesties were given a great reception by the thousands of people attending the fair. Speaking at the Government luncheon Sir P. Lyden-Greene emphasised the fact that the British Industries Fair was essentially a business proposition—it was run by traders for trade. They would find that the British standards of craftsmanship were not only being upheld, but were being adapted to the everyday needs of the markets of the world.

MR. CHURCHILL'S TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL VON SPEE.

In his recently published book, Mr. Churchill's comment on von Spee is a finely worded tribute:—

"After his victory at Coronel, Admiral von Spee comported himself with the dignity of a brave gentleman. He put aside the fervent acclamations of the German colony of Valparaiso, and spoke no word of triumph over the dead. He was under no delusion as to his own danger. He said of the flowers which were presented to him, 'They will do for my funeral.' Generally, his behaviour would lead us to suppose that the inability of the Germans to pick up any British survivors was not due to want of humanity; and this view has been accepted by the British Navy."

TOBACCO-GROWING IN AUSTRALIA.

The guarantee of the British Tobacco Co., Australia, to purchase 1,500,000 lb. of Australian grown leaf at prices ranging up to 2/6 per lb., has attracted a great deal of attention, particularly in some of the southern districts of New South Wales, and in the North Eastern District of Victoria. Some land has been bought down towards the Murray at prices from £7 to £30 per acre.

COTTON PRODUCTION.

At a meeting of the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation in Manchester on February 27th the members of the American section were recommended to curtail production during March by 50 per cent. on account of the deplorable state of affairs. This decision follows closely upon the decision of two combines of mills to recommend the shareholders to agree to a complete stoppage of mills for two weeks in March.

POPULATION OF SYDNEY.

An official estimate of the population of Sydney is recorded as 1,050,000. The area covered by this estimate includes outer suburbs. The metropolitan population totalled 718,000. Buildings erected in 1914 totalled 10,516 and in 1922 the total was 9,084. Evidence of the increased cost of building material and labour is shown in a comparison, which records £3,775,500 as the expenditure for 10,516 buildings in 1914, and £9,917,900 for the lesser number in 1922.

THE CHURCH.**YEAR'S WORK AND FINANCE.**

The new issue of the Official Year Book of the Church of England contains some interesting figures on work of the Church at home.

There are in England (excluding Wales and Scotland), 4,827 churches in which divine service is held every weekday, 9,074 in which services are held twice each Sunday, and 5,138 more in which services are held more than twice. Holy Communion is administered in 11,403 churches on every Sunday during the year, and in 1,230 churches every weekday.

The churchwardens and sidemen number 146,099, the licensed readers 4,041, and the Sunday school teachers 169,304. The voluntary members of the choir number 974,929 and there are 31,454 unpaid bellringers.

The total gross income of the 12,507 incumbents is reported to amount to £6,176,491, upon which heavy charges of more than £1,000,000 are levied. This income includes a sum of £186,171 contributed in the form of Easter offerings. The stipends of assistant clergy from all sources reached £1,095,148.

The amount of voluntary parochial contributions during 1921 spread over 38 dioceses in England was £6,400,000, and the total from all sources was £9,300,737.



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SARAWAK'S NATURAL WEALTH.

PAPER BY MR. CHAS. HOSE.

An interesting paper on "Sarawak—an Independent State within the Empire," prepared by Mr. Chas. Hose, D.Sc. (Cantab.), was read by Mrs. Hose, before a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, held at Edward VII. Rooms, Hotel Victoria, London, S.W., on February 27th.

Mr. Hugh Chisholm, who presided, explained that although Mr. Hose was present, he found that he did not feel equal to reading his paper, and he had therefore asked Mr. Hose to perform that task. Mr. Chisholm recalled the fact that both he and Mr. Hose were together at college, and he remembered that Mr. Hose was particularly brilliant at science, and took a strong interest in natural history. He went out to Sarawak at the age of 30, and was probably one of the greatest authorities on the country. He had contributed to the British Museum many exhibits of the fauna and insect life of the country, and many had been named after him. He had much pleasure in introducing both Mr. and Mrs. Hose.

The following are the most interesting points from Mr. Hose's paper:—

The prevalent idea of Borneo is that it is still a land of "wild men," a country undesirable as a residence, and more or less incapable of development. As far as it is in my power to do so this evening, I should like to try and dispel this erroneous impression—at all events with regard to one part of Borneo which, though governed independently, by accepting British protection, the one danger to the State has been provided for, namely, the risk of foreign aggression. Sarawak is a storehouse of Nature's treasures: the people are well formed and intelligent, and while they go about untrammelled by superfluous garments, show proper modesty, and withal their garments are in themselves picturesque. It is a land of mountains and great rivers, and is practically one unbroken forest, but although surrounded on all sides by islands of volcanic activity, it shows but small traces of such. Kina Balu, 13,693 ft., in the neighbouring friendly State of British North Borneo is the highest mountain. The scenery is magnificent, and in every direction may be seen panoramas of the most luxuriant vegetation. The network of rivers and their tributaries afford valuable means of transport throughout the country.

With the exception of the Malays of the Coastal regions all the natives live under tribal organisations, of which the chief groups are Dayaks, Kayans, Kenyahs, Klemantans, Muruts, and Punans—of these people the Dayak is, perhaps, the best known to Europeans. He is cheerful, sociable, energetic, fond of fun, and an agreeable companion. The Kayans and Kenyahs who are widely distributed throughout the interior in large villages, are a fine race and are more skilled in handicrafts than any of the other peoples. Muruts, Kalabits, Tagals, who are more confined to the northern part of the State, are tall and strongly built, and, perhaps, better agriculturists. Punans, Ukits, and many other small tribes closely allied scattered over the interior, are the most primitive, and, therefore, ethnologically the most interesting. Hunting itself is really a highly intricate and mystical undertaking surrounded by a great wall of custom and ritual. For the people of Sarawak are not blood-thirsty on the whole, and are little addicted to torture, but, as with all barbaric people who live in the forests, they are deeply superstitious, and their existence is governed by hidebound tradition.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF SARAWAK.

It has been widely recognised that Sarawak provides the most notable example of a great achievement in successful administration of the affairs of a population in a lowly state of culture by means of an autocracy centred in the person of the British Rajah, who is aided by advisers and administrators appointed by himself. This State thus created with a population of about 600,000 in 1883 came under the protection of the British Government. Among all such administrative systems, that of Sarawak has been distinguished, not only by the rapid establishment of peace, order, and a modest prosperity with a minimum outlay of armed force, but especially by reason of the careful way in which the interests of the native population have consistently been made the prime object of the Government's solicitude. The story of the success of the two first white Rajahs of Sarawak has several times been told in whole or in part, but I think it is well that I should try to give you some intimate glimpses of the working of the system, as it affects the daily lives of the people. In 1840 from the very inception of his rule, Sir James Brooke laid down and strictly adhered to the principle of associating the natives with himself and his European assistants in the Government of the country, and of respecting and maintaining whatever was not positively objectionable in the laws and customs of the people. This policy has been faithfully followed for nearly a century; the white Rajahs, instead of imposing any system of European made laws upon the people, as in their position of benevolent despot they might have been tempted to do, have accepted the Mohammedan law and custom in all matters affecting the population of the Mohammedan religion; they have gradually introduced improvements when and where the defects and injustices of the system revealed themselves, and in the work, both of administration and legislation, the Rajahs and their officers have always sought and enjoyed the advice and co-operation of the Malay nobles. They have maintained the principal Ministries of State, and have continued the tenure of these offices by the Malay nobles who occupied them at the time of Sir James Brooke's accession to power, and, as these men have died or retired in the natural course, others have been chosen to fill the vacancies.

PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT.

Besides the Supreme Council, there exists a larger body, whose functions are purely advisory. It is called the Council Negri or State Council, and consists of the Rajah, the members of the "Supreme Council," those district officers who are in charge of the more important centres, and the principal native officers and Penghulus throughout the country, some seventy or eighty members. This Council meets in Kuching, the capital, once every three years under the Presidency of the Rajah. The principles according to which the Government has been conducted, cannot be better expressed than in the following words of the late Rajah, Sir Charles Brooke, when he said that a Government such as that of Sarawak may "start from things as we find them, putting its veto on what is dangerous or unjust, and supporting what is fair and equitable in the usages of the natives and letting system and legislation wait on occasion." So the secret of success was found in adapting and improving all that was good in the existing usages of the natives, without indiscriminate destruction of ancient customs. From among the more influential chiefs of the up-river communities, the Rajah also appoints, on the recommendation of the Resident, a certain number in each division, to the office of Penghulu, who are also given a flag and a document recording his appointment, and the duties of his office. A good Penghulu will assist about the investigation of any affair with much tact and patience.

We may liken the whole system of society as now established to a conical structure, consisting of a common apex, from which lines of authority descend to the base, branching as they go, at three principal levels. If we imagine the upper part of this structure cut away at a horizontal plane just above the lowest level of branching, we have a diagrammatic representation of the state of affairs preceding the Rajah's advent—a large number of smaller cones each representing a village unified by the subordination of its members to its chief, but each remaining isolated without any bond of union with its neighbours. At the present time the base of the cone remains almost unchanged, but the Rajah's Government binds together all its isolated groups to form one harmonious whole by means of the hierarchy of officers whose authority proceeds from the Rajah himself, the apex of the system. The Rajah's power rests upon the broad base of the people's willing co-operation. He in turn is for them the symbol of the whole, by the aid of which they are enabled to think of the State as their common country and common object of devotion, and from him there descends through his officers, the spirit which animates the whole, a spirit of reciprocal confidence, justice, goodwill, and devotion to duty. The system is in fact the realisation of the ideal of monarchy or personal government; its successful working depends above all on the character and intellect of the man who stands at the head of the State. Mention should be made that the Government buildings are good and substantial, and great care taken in the matter of hospitals both European and native. Kuching has a fine embankment on the river front, and an excellent water supply from Mount Matang, ten miles away. Reservoirs have also been constructed in other parts of the country. Schools and libraries have been built, and a fine museum complete and representative of specimens of natural history and ethnography. As to the development of the resources of the country, the Borneo Company, Ltd., has worked very successfully antimony, cinnabar, gold, and silver mines leased to them by the Government. The output of gold for many years was approximately 3,000 ounces a month, and of silver 1,000 ounces a month. Alluvial gold is also worked by Chinese. The present value of trade is about 45 million dollars, and is annually increasing—the export and imports are about the same.

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An account of this description would be incomplete without some reference to the valuable assistance and help rendered by the Rance Margaret to the late Rajah in her great love for, and sympathy with, the people of Sarawak, amongst whom she has spent so many enjoyable years, and whose manners and customs she knows so well and describes so feelingly in her charming book: "My Life in Sarawak."

At the conclusion of the paper a large and varied collection of lantern slides depicting life in Sarawak were thrown on the screen.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Hose was proposed by Mr. Chisholm. Admiral Sir Edmund Fremantle, in seconding, gave some interesting reminiscences of early visits to Sarawak, when he was serving on the China Station. His first visit was in 1857 when the Navy was called in to assist in quelling the Chinese rising. He made another visit many years later, and saw the development that had taken place.

Before the meeting terminated the chairman read a letter of apology for absence from Lord Bearested, in which he wrote: "I venture to predict that the oil industry will be the greatest in the Sarawak Protectorate of all its many assets; and as in the evolution of Sarawak itself, it is most satisfactory (Continued at foot of next column.)"

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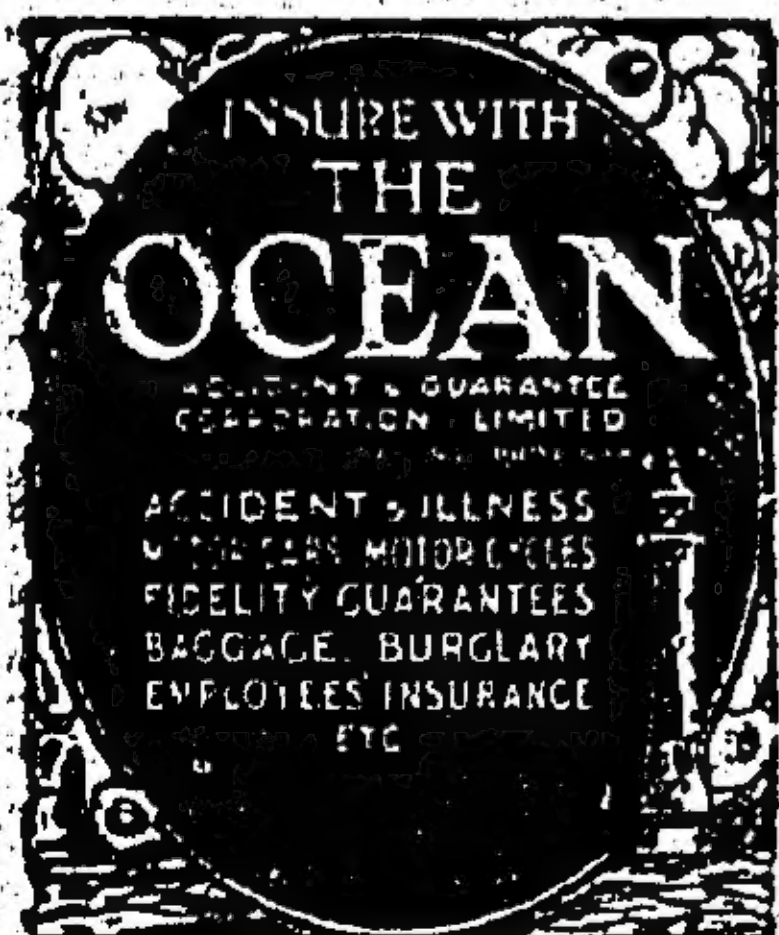
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The following account is given in the N.C. Daily News of the fire on the steamer *Hsin Pao Hua* briefly reported last week in a cable message:—

A fire at sea, which but for the efficient and speedy help of an adjacent vessel might easily have resulted in a catastrophe involving nearly 500 passengers, broke out on the *Hsin Pao Hua* on Tuesday evening about 8.30. The vessel, belonging to the Ping An S.S. Co., left Shanghai for Chusan about 6.30 p.m. on the day mentioned, and had passed about an hour and half beyond Woosung, when flames burst out of the after hold, which was laden with highly combustible products including 200 tons of kerosene oil, a consignment of bean-cake, and some cotton and maize. The passengers became panic-stricken and crowded forward to get away from the flames, which soon caused the decks to become very hot. The captain sent up signals of distress and managed to keep the frightened Chinese from jumping overboard until the *Grace Dollar*, inbound, raced up on full steam an hour and half after the fire was noticed.

The captain laid the *Grace Dollar* alongside the flaming boat and made fast, though the difficulties were great. The 471 passengers were transferred and the Chinese crew making in all about 500 men, women and children. Lines were cast off and a tow rope attached and the two boats started slowly for Woosung, the *Grace Dollar* pumping water into the after hold all the while. When close to the Whangpo they were met by the Woosung Harbourmaster in his launch, who superintended the fire-fighting from then on. The *Dollar* cast off and the tug *Yukio* took up the work of towing and finally at 2.38 a.m. beached the *Hsin Pao Hua* off the Quarantine Station. Assisting the Harbourmaster were the Customs tide-gaugers on the Customs float, who with three streams of water completely filled the burning hold and quenched the fire at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

NO LOSS OF LIFE.

Great credit must be given to Captain W. H. Thomas of the *Grace Dollar* and his engineers and crew for the valiant work done both in taking off the panic-stricken passengers and crew, with not a single loss of life and but one injury, a crushed hand of one man caused in his rush for safety, and the skilful warping and making fast of ropes to bind the ships together. The Woosung Harbourmaster (too modest to allow his name to be used, because he performed his duty) is to be complimented for the efficiency and labour of his able crew.

The *Hsin Pao Hua* is a single screw steamer built in the Tung Yee yards in 1921. She is of 1,054 tons gross register and 653 net, and is 189.5 ft overall and 31 ft. broad.

Tugs are now at work pulling the vessel off the beach. From the following account, given to a representative of the N.C. Daily News on Wednesday afternoon by Capt. W. H. Thomas, master of the *Grace Dollar*, it will be seen that a tragedy was averted by the assistance he and his crew so ably and so fortunately rendered.

"The moon was just rising on a clear sea," said Captain Thomas, "when at about 8.50, we sighted a vessel giving signals of distress, and blowing her sirens, about five miles from Kiutuan Light Vessel." (It was afterwards ascertained that the vessel was the *Hsin Pao Hua*, a steel ship of 1,054 tons, constructed last year at Shanghai for the Ping An Steamship Company. She had on board 471 passengers, and a cargo of kerosene and cotton, and was outward bound.)

"We at once stopped our engines, turned round and went to her assistance, getting alongside at 10.35. It was then seen that there was a fire in the after hold, and the passengers, men, women and children, were all crowded on deck in a terrible state of excitement. Her engines had stopped, owing to smoke and heat in the engine room, and she was drifting fast already out of the track of danger. Had there been no assistance, the vessel would have been like an inferno in another hour and, I think, must have foundered. As it was, the crew were doing what they could with two small hoses."

A WILD SCENE OF PANIC.

"The flames not having reached the superstructure, we were able to go right alongside and lash her to us. Immediately there was a stampede on the part of the Chinese passengers. We were so close that they were able to clamber over the side, on to our deck, and this they did with a rush, first throwing over their baggage. They were shouting and yelling like mad people. In about a quarter of an hour the whole lot had been transferred to our ship, and I do not know that any were injured beyond one man, who had his hand crushed. I did not hear of any being drowned."

"Meanwhile, the *Grace Dollar's* deck and engine room department, and the Chinese crew, worked like trojans. After lashing the vessel, they rigged up electric lights and got the pumps going, and after about two hours' hard work the fire was quenched. At 11.40 with the vessel in tow alongside, we started for Shanghai, and in the morning we beached her at Pleasant Point. The passengers were brought up to the Standard Oil Wharf and there dispersed."

The *Hsin Pao Hua* had no wireless equipment, and was not sighted by any other vessel, and as she was drifting when seen by the *Grace Dollar*, it is practically certain, over 500 lives would have been lost in the complete destruction of the vessel but for the gallant assistance of Captain Thomas and his men.

MARINE COURT CASES. A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.

Found on board the *s.s. Fan, Cloon* without the permission of the master of the vessel, a Chinese, in whose possession a knife was discovered, similar to those used by Chinese pick-pockets for cutting open pockets, was yesterday morning sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Magistrate's Court.

WORKING CARGO ON THE SABBATH WITHOUT PERMISSION.

The unusual charge of working cargo on a Sunday without a permit from the Harbour Office was preferred against a Japanese named W. Hladka, manager of Suzuki & Co., at the Marine Court yesterday morning.

Sub-Inspector Bond, of the Water Police, prosecuted and said that at 3.30 a.m. on the 1st inst. whilst the Company's ship, *s.s. Atsuta Maru*, was lying off Whangai she was seen by the Police to be working coal. When questioned about this later, the Master of the vessel said that he had no permit. Inspector Bond said that he understood that the Company was running up the Water Police, asking for permission to work, "which was not promulgated."

The defendant apologised to the Court, saying that he regretted the trouble given. His Worship dismissed the case, warning the defendant to be more careful in future. Requests for permission to work on Sundays had to be in the Harbour Office by 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

OVERCROWDING A STEAM LAUNCH.

With four previous convictions recorded against him, Fan Yee, master of the steam launch, *Tak Hong*, yesterday morning, was fined \$150 with the alternative of two months' imprisonment, by Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., for carrying 46 passengers in excess of his licence.

According to Lance-Sergeant Keen, there were 108 passengers on board, whereas the licence fixed the maximum number of passengers to be carried at 62.

The defendant's excuse was that there were a number of soldiers on board who refused to go ashore when he requested them to do so.

THE "CUMSHAW" NUISANCE.

JUVENILE BEGGARS IN COURT.

"Cumshaw, mah-sta, cumshaw!" Large numbers of ragged and dirty little boys, some with bandages all over their heads, others with crooked legs and other deformities, have been swimming in Ico House Street during the last fortnight. They hang round the legs of Europeans coming from the ferries and the ships, urging their plea for "cumshaw" with annoying persistence. Their appearance in such numbers was synonymous with the arrival of the tourist ship *Empress of France*, and they have remained ever since. It is to be feared that the tourists have encouraged them to a large extent, and thus intensified the nuisance.

Two of the small delinquents appeared at the Magistrate's Court yesterday morning, charged with begging. According to a statement by Sergeant Ellis, they had been "warned by the police on several occasions, but persisted in the offence. Once they were taken to the station, and then the parents came up. The latter stated that they were refugees from Kwangtung, and accordingly the police gave the fathers hawking licences. But, in spite of this, the children continued to beg in Ico House Street, and to make matters worse, the mothers went over to Tsim Sha Teui and did likewise. With the fathers hawking and the rest of the household begging the families doubtless made quite respectable incomes, comparatively speaking. The sergeant stated that the boys sometimes took knives out with them, and did juggling tricks. The Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell), remanded the case for a week, in order that the parents might be found a second time, and questioned.

CHINESE CUSTOMS. NEW SCHEME DRAFTED.

A brief telegram a month ago on this subject through Reuters' Agency, was evidently based upon the following paragraph by a diplomatic correspondent of the *London Daily Telegraph*:—

It is understood that the British Government has elaborated a draft Customs scheme for China, in accordance with the stipulations under this head of the Washington group of Treaties. The draft, which is a highly technical and very full one, is about to be submitted for consideration by the Washington Treaty Powers. The principal feature of the Customs reforms envisaged by the Washington Conference was the raising of the present low duties to an effective 5 per cent, with, in certain instances, a surtax of 2½ per cent.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extrême Orient, in their report dated Saigon, March 28th, state:—Our market has been very quiet and the price of paddy has dropped slightly. As far as export prices are concerned, the position remains uncertain on account of the fluctuations of the rate of exchange. The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to March 12th is 244,671 tons against 204,247 in 1922. We quote to-day:—White Saigon rice, No. 2 sifted, Japan quality, Hongkong \$5.50 per picul L.O.B. Saigon for April shipment.

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A. W. GRUNDY, Naval Store Officer.
 Hongkong, March, 1923.

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Shanghai Docks	Tls. 101 b.
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Humphreys Estates	28 b. & sa.
Ewo Cotton Mills	Tls. 14.80 b.
Orientalis	Tls. 9 b.
Cementa	\$ 373 b.
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SUPREME COURT

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PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE.

ALLEGED FRAUDULENT SALE OF PROPERTY.

Allegations of fraudulent sale of property is one of the points raised by Counsel for the plaintiff in an action in which Wong On Shing, a retired sleeping partner of the Yue Tak firm, sued Au Man Kit, the managing partner of the firm, claiming a declaration that the true value of certain properties belonging to the firm when they were sold by the defendant was \$55,000, which is \$21,000 more than the price for which they were sold. Plaintiff also asked for an order of the Court that an account be taken of what was due to him in respect of the sale of the said properties and of the goodwill and stock in trade of the firm. His claim was for correct amount due to him on his retirement.

Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo) represented the defendant.

Mr. Eldon Potter said the action was in the nature of a partnership dispute and had particular reference to a certain amount of money paid by the defendant, as managing partner of the Yue Tak firm, to the plaintiff on his retirement at the end of the Chinese year, Kang San, which was the equivalent of the year 1920-21.

The plaintiff, said Mr. Potter, was a merchant who carried on business at No. 60, Bonham Strand East, and he was a partner of the Yue Tak firm, of which the first defendant was the managing partner. On May 30th, 1921, the plaintiff agreed to retire from the firm and his retirement dated from February 7th, 1921. During the years 1913-1917 the defendant, with money belonging to the firm, purchased certain leasehold property for the firm. They were sections 8 and 7 of Marine Lot No. 55 together with the buildings erected thereon. The property was purchased in the defendant's name and it was registered by him in the Land Office. On January 11th, 1921, the first defendant, without the knowledge and consent of the plaintiff, sold the property for the sum of \$34,000. This amount was a gross undervaluation, the property being worth \$55,000. On the plaintiff's retirement the defendant rendered an account to the plaintiff, showing the sum of money due to the latter, and a sum of \$38,592.61 was paid to the plaintiff. This account was based, amongst other things, upon the amount realised by the sale of the property. Furthermore, the plaintiff claimed that this account did not include the value of the good-will and stock in trade. Plaintiff disputed the settlement and claimed that the account was incorrect to the extent of \$21,000 (undervaluation on the property) and by the amount of the value of the good-will and stock-in-trade.

Mr. Potter went on to read the statement of defence which was to the effect that the defendant admitted selling the property on the 11th day of January, 1921, for the sum of \$34,000, but denied that such sum was a gross undervaluation. He denied that the property was worth \$55,000. The defendant also admitted having sold the property without the consent of the plaintiff and argued that the property was lawfully bought by him without the plaintiff's knowledge or consent, and that both the purchase and sale were subsequently ratified by the plaintiff. The defence alleged that the defendant was vested with full authority (being managing partner) to act without the consent and knowledge of such partners. The sale of property was expressly authorised by the plaintiff and certain other partners by their intention of retiring from the business on the understanding that the sale money should be used to pay part of their fair share in the business.

In reply to this statement of defence the plaintiff denied that the sale was put through in a bona fide way by the defendant. The plaintiff repeated his statement that the sale was a gross undervaluation and added that it was fraudulent. The defendant fraudulently and in breach of his duty towards the plaintiff sold the property at an undervaluation, and value of the good-will and stock-in-trade was omitted from the account delivered by the defendant on May 30th, 1921. The defendant thereby fraudulently induced the plaintiff to accept the said account as correct and to sign the deed of retirement. The plaintiff asked for the said account to be set aside and to be replaced by a correct one.

In the defendant's rejoinder, Mr. Potter went on to say the defendant denied that the sale was fraudulent and denied the allegations of fraudulent concealment and fraudulent inducement. In further answer to them the defendant stated that the account payable to the plaintiff was by agreement based on the profits of the Kang San year and the previous years, as shown by the balance sheet; and that the plaintiff was not entitled to have any valuation of the good-will. The value of the stock-in-trade was included in the balance sheet for the Kang San year and this was taken into account in paying the plaintiff's share in the business of \$38,592.61.

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SPORT

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

YESTERDAY'S UNCOMPLETED MATCH.

H. D. Rumjahn and O. Rumjahn met Thomas Lay and M. P. Lo yesterday afternoon in the third round of the Open Championship Doubles. Unfortunately, owing to the darkness, the match was uncompleted, the game finishing up two sets all. The light was none too good right through the match and towards the end it was only with great strain that the players could see the ball.

The match was played on the stand court and the stands were well patronised. The Indians were exceedingly fortunate in winning the last set, for on the run of play they looked very much like being defeated. This was mainly due to the tactics adopted by M. P. Lo who, on every possible occasion, after he and his partner had lost the first set, 5-7, lobbed back from the base line and thus prevented the Indians from working up to the net as they usually do. Time and again he beat them with this method, and to him must be awarded the credit of making safe the second and third sets, 7-5 and 6-4. Lo is a clever player, possessing a strong forehand drive across the court. His partner also played safely, though his play is not as scientific as that of his partner. The Rumjahns after winning the first set, 7-5, in which they played quite up to their usual bright form, were non-plussed at Lo's persistent lobbing, and upon O. Rumjahn's shoulders fell most of the heavy work in countering it. He is much the better in dealing with a job and he can generally be relied upon returning really difficult "skiers." His brother realises his own weakness in this direction and very wisely left the bulk of them to his brother. O. Rumjahn in the opening stages of the match showed up to advantage. His ground shot and volleying being the chief features of his play. Of the two brothers he played the better game throughout. H. D. Rumjahn developed a hot service as the match proceeded and he won several games on his service.

The run of the play was pretty even and in the first two sets the games at one time stood at five all. In the third set Lo and Lay looked very wiser from the start. In the fourth set the Indians improved considerably and in a measure were down Lo's dangerous lobbing. There was very little net work throughout the match, neither couple having the chance to work up to the net. Occasionally Lay and O. Rumjahn got in a hard smash but they were few and far between. Both couples were at fault at times in volleying back balls which were obviously going wide.

The match will be continued on the stand court this afternoon and should provide quite an exciting finish.

In the second round of the same competition R. H. Wild and J. D. Humphrey experienced no great difficulty in disposing of S. E. Green and D. S. Green by three sets to one.

RESULTS:

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES.

R. H. Wild and J. D. Humphrey beat S. E. and D. S. Green, 6-0, 7-5, 2-6, 8-3.

HANDICAP SINGLES "A."

W. B. Connaby (115/3) beat R. M. Henderson (115/6), 7-9, 6-3, 10-8.

HANDICAP SINGLES "B."

C. G. Perdue (115/6) beat G. Dawbarn (115/8), 6-0, 2-6, 8-2; W. G. Kennear (115/8) beat C. M. Wilson (115/8), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

I. Thomas and A. R. Sutherland (115/6) beat R. M. Smith and C. C. Stark (115/6), 7-3, 4-6, 11-9; E. P. Harrison and M. G. Edwards (115/6) beat E. R. S. Dods and A. B. Haworth (115/1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The facts of the case, said Mr. Potter, were simple. The Yue Tak firm opened business in 1908 as general merchants and carried on business in Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin. The plaintiff was a sleeping partner, his share being a \$750 one. There was only one other partner with a \$750 share in the business, all the other partners holding smaller amounts, with the exception of the defendant who held \$1,000. When the sleeping partners signed their intention of retiring the plaintiff asked for a balance sheet. This was not published, the defendant stating that owing to a printer's strike it could not be printed. He believed this to be correct. The defendant contended that the plaintiff saw the original balance sheet. On May 30th, 1921, defendant sent for plaintiff and despatched him with a blank document to be stamped. On a blank document, he wrote out the deed of retirement which he copied from another document and then the defendant asked plaintiff to sign it. At the same time producing an account which showed his share at \$38,592.60. He also gave him the account. The plaintiff at the time said, "This may not be correct," and the defendant replied, "All the partners are being paid alike; and if they can get any more you will get more." The plaintiff signed the document and took the money. "What? You signed? Are you the only partner who signed?"

Mr. Potter: Another partner kicked, and kicked very effectively to the extent of \$8,000.

Counsel for the plaintiff continued to address the Court in the afternoon and the case was adjourned.

THE MIGHTY DEAD

"SOME THERE BE WHICH HAVE NO MEMORIAL."

MR. MACONACHIE "GOES TO THE TOMBS."

Mr. Maconachie's address at Union Church on Sunday morning was an interesting dissertation on the theme that, whilst the fame of some to whom great monuments have been erected is forgotten, "no man knoweth the sepulchre" of some of the world's greatest figures. The subject was a topical one at this time when all China is thronging to the tombs for Ching Ming ancestor-worship and when the world is echoing with the story of recent discoveries amongst the graves of Ancient Egypt.

The address surveyed a wide range, both of place and time. Text and Scripture reading had reference to the unknown grave of Moses on the heights of Pisgah, where he viewed the Promised Land into which he might not enter; and the equally unknown grave of Christ outside Jerusalem. Exiles from home suffered a pang of longing as the preacher took them, next, in imagination, among the granite and heather of remote Cornwall, "with no company but the sheep and the moor-fowl" where Land's End affords on either side a prospect of the Atlantic. There is the "Cromlech"—three or four huge slabs of unhewn stone which, for ages, have marked the burial place of an unknown who, in his day, must have served his generation with stout heart, strong arm and wise understanding, but whether as prince, priest or sage, none could say. Better than an inscription in Westminster Abbey, Mr. Maconachie thought, was such a burial beneath the unhewn, unlettered rock:

"We carved not a line, and we raised not a stone,
But we left him alone with his glory."

THE WORLD'S FAMOUS TOMBS.

The world was full of monuments, and he was not suggesting that their number should be diminished. History became vivid as one stood by the tombs of the old Norse and Danish Kings in Iona, or read the inscriptions in St. Paul's or Westminster Abbey. Old Japan came to life as one brooded among the glorious shrines reared at Nikko in honour of the mighty Shoguns. A different China from that of the Treaty Ports was revealed as one explored the wonderful valley near the Great Wall, where the Ming Emperors still more sacred spot in Ebsanung where, three and twenty centuries ago, were laid with great pomp, the remains of Confucius, "the one man whom China has delighted to honour."

Reverting to unknown resting places, Mr. Maconachie—with a thought for the blue-jackets who attend the parade each Sunday at Union Church—alluded to the sailor's grave and quoted—

"There is in the wide lone sea a spot unmarked but holy—"

He drew a contrast between the permanence of the Jewish race—a people who reared few monuments, whose efforts in stone were negligible—and the ancient Egyptians, the builders of monumental architecture, especially of a monumental subject for post mortem examination: the race it oppressed lived, and exercised an influence greater than that of any Pharaoh.

Away in the arid limestone valleys of the Theban desert lay the rock-hewn chambers where the dust of the Lord of Egypt, embalmed and closely guarded, might safely pass the 3,000 years ere the mummy should come back to re-animate the waiting body. "The thirty expected centuries have more than come back, but Pharaoh's spirit has not come back to claim and use the fleshly instrument so carefully preserved. 'Unto dust thou shalt return,' is the decree which can by no means be set aside by any device of man. The passionate faith of those times in the survival or revival of the soul after death is written in their inscriptions, enshrined in their ritual and expressed in all their funeral customs."

EGYPTIAN AND CHINESE SUPERSTITION.

"The spirit of Tutankhamen, we are told, is angry at the disturbing of his bones, and it is now two months since a crystal-gazer of Piccadilly beheld two of the excavators dead on the white sand. The sand is not white, as it happens, but one of the explorers has succumbed, as any man might, to blood-poisoning, so I suppose we shall have a flood of superstition let loose, which indeed will be almost worth while if the vulgar of the whole proceedings receives a check. To think that a great King, after 3,000 years in the other world, should have nothing better to do than indulge a jealousy over his discarded skin and bones! To think he should be permitted to wreak the punishment by the death penalty, and should send a forewarning of it to Piccadilly! Evidently, and childishly, creep inevitably into conceptions of the future life which take the turn of materialism. Men and women must be taught to reverence and love their dead without worshipping their tombs and tablets."

In an interesting passage Mr. Maconachie emphasised the consideration that the burial of Moses in an unknown grave had saved the Israelites from the temptation of deifying their dead leader, which would be suggested by their contact with the Egyptians.

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ALEXANDER SKLAREVSKI.

WELL-KNOWN RUSSIAN PIANIST DELIGHTS HONGKONG.

The first of two pianoforte concerts to be given by the well-known Russian pianist, Alexander Sklarevski, was given at the City Hall yesterday evening. This pianist came to Hongkong two years ago, and then gave a series of five recitals, winning great popularity among music lovers in the Colony, and those who heard him yesterday can well understand why that should be. He is the complete master of his instrument, and an understanding master at that. His technique is well nigh perfect, and he possesses that subtle gift of touch so difficult to acquire, except to any but the born musician. In Twelve Studies from Chopin he brought out the full delicacy of that composer's art, whilst his interpretation of Bach-Liszt's Grand Fantasia and Orgel Fuga was a masterpiece, the grandness of the composition rolling sweetly from the piano. And the mysticism of Tchaikowsky's wonderful Nocturne and Mazurka was fully brought out, eloquent examples of the style of the modern Russians. The rest of his programme, all of it thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of people present, was as follows:

Pastorale, E. minor and Capriccio, E. minor (Scriabin); Prelude (Arensky); Musical Snuff Box, and Waltz (Liszt); La Soiree dans Grenade (Debussy); and Arabesque on the motives of Strauss' famous Waltz: "Blue Danube" (Schubert-Euler).

Mr. Sklarevski's programme for this evening at 5.30 p.m. is—

PART I.

- (a) Andante, F. major; (b) Moonlight, Beethoven.
- (a) Ballade, A. flat major; (b) Nocturne, F. sharp minor; (c) Waltz, C. sharp minor; (d) Polonaise, A. flat minor; (e) Chopin.

PART II.

- (a) Two Preludes, Rachmaninov; (b) Barcarolle, Rubinstein; (c) Etude Pathetique, Scriabin.
- (a) Antique Menuet, Spanghetti; (b) Loreley; (c) Campanella, Liszt.

THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS' STRIKE.

COMPLICATIONS OF CLOCKING-IN THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

After many meetings, arguments, and conferences, between the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hongkong Electric Company, the strikers, and the heads of the strikers' guild, it has at last been ascertained what exact complaint the men have to make against the Company. The whole dispute seems to have been the result of a misunderstanding. When the Company introduced their new system of clocking-in for these particular workers at the North Point Works, the employees were unable to understand the finer points. They knew that they had to clock-in at time time, and they knew that the clocks registered the time they were away. But the Company had not been able to obtain all the clocks they needed, so that the men had to queue up before they could clock-in. The Company allowed them five minutes to perform the operation, but as there were so few clocks the men at the back of the queue were able to register. They immediately jumped to the conclusion that they were to lose this ten minutes off their tiffin hour, hence the strike. What the men did not realise was that they were allowed a certain time for tiffin always, and the time allowed was dated from the time they left to the time they came back, and registered as such by the clocks. Thus they lost no time at all in spite of the ten minutes' delay. This has at last been understood by them, and the only question now left is that of bonus. According to their agreement with the Electric Company, bonus is forfeited if men absent themselves from their work without leave. This is the only point left in dispute, and if this is settled, the men should all be back at work within a few days.

For a thousand years, he continued, not a single monument existed in England to Alfred, greatest of English Kings. Yet his biographer spoke truly when he said that, "though invisible, Alfred was everywhere in English life and laws, so much the founder of the nation's well-being that every school in the land must have his bust, every town hall his statue, and every ship in the Navy his name." For the memorial of this prophet greater than Moses, look around on the faith and love and light which surely though they might think slowly—were breaking through upon the discord and darkness of our world. No man could show for certain the place where the Lord lay, but true, now and for all ages, were the tender and exalted lines of the Christian poet who said:

"No plumes know this
This
Our wayward planet, carrying land and wave,
Love and life manifold, and pain and bliss,
Bears as child treasure, one forsaken grave."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PEAK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.
NOTICE.
THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the PEAK CLUB on THURSDAY, 12th APRIL, 1923, at 8.45 P.M.
A full attendance of all Members and those interested is particularly requested.
E. B. O. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.
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FOR SALE

"TIBETOR," No. 39, The PEAK, For further particulars apply J. A. CHINA JAPAN LINE. [683]

FOOTBALL

HONGKONG LEAGUE.
CLUB GROUND, HAPPY VALLEY.
SATURDAY, 14th APRIL, 1923.

DIVISION II. Kick Off, 3.15 P.M.
KINGS v. THE REST.
(Winners)

DIVISION I. Kick Off, 4.45 P.M.
KINGS v. B.M.S. "ALBROSE".
(Runners-up)

ADMISSION TO STAND—\$1.00.
Chair, 50 cents.
Services in Uniform—Chairs, 30 cents. [681]

HOUSING COMMISSION.

THE Undersigned would be glad to receive IN WRITING, on or before the 20th INSTANT, suggestions from members of the General Public in regard to:

- (1) The standardization (with the object of reducing the cost of buildings) of:
 - (a) designs for houses.
 - (b) fixtures and fittings for houses.
 - (2) The reduction of the cost of building materials.
 - (3) The use of cheaper or more suitable kinds of building materials.
 - (4) The greater employment of labour-saving machines or devices.
 - (5) Improved methods for the transportation of building materials.
 - (6) Procuring an increased supply of skilled labourers.
 - (7) Reducing the number of middlemen.
 - (8) Other methods for reducing the cost of house construction.
- 2.—Measures which should be taken by the Government for promoting any of the above objects.
- 3.—Measures which should be taken by the Government:
- (i) To increase the quantity of housing accommodation; and in particular
 - (ii) To facilitate the building of more houses for occupation by:
 - (a) Persons of moderate means.
 - (b) The working classes.
- 4.—Measures which should be taken by the Government to increase the quantity of housing accommodation.
- H. E. POLLOCK,
Chairman, Housing Commission.
Princes' Buildings,
5th April, 1923. [684]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "VENEZIA."

From TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, MASSAUA, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG, SINGAPORE AND MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10th inst. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GODDARD & DOUGLAS, Agents.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1923. [688]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.,
COPENHAGEN.

THE M/S

"CHILE"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th of April 1923, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS on the 10th April, 1923, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 10th of April, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD., Agents.
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INTIMATIONS

NOTICE

DURING Mr. LAURENTZ'S absence from the Colony, Mr. E. G. JOHNSTONE will be in charge of our Hongkong Branch.
CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., LTD.
[678]

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

HANGKAM KWINGTON WOO retired from the Firm of GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & Co., on the 1st instant. The Business of the said GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON will be carried on at the same address under the Style and Name of GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO.
Dated the 4th day of April, 1923.
GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WE, the Undersigned JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, of Alexandra Building, Des Voeux Road Central, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that We have THIS DAY authorized Mr. JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS to sign our Firm Name For Prosecution.
Dated the 4th day of April, 1923.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON. [686]

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the reconstruction agreement made between ARNHOLD BROS. & CO., LTD., and HARRY MONTAGUE MANN, the Liquidator thereof and others and this Company, this Company has from the 1st APRIL, 1923, acquired the undertaking of ARNHOLD BROS. & CO., LTD., and will henceforth carry on the business heretofore carried on by that Company.
ARNHOLD & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1923. [687]

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ONE Certificate for 3 Shares Nos. 12683/12685 and One Certificate for 3 Shares Nos. 12696/12698 in this Company, standing in the Name of LI HUI U and LI U CHEONG, respectively have been LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above documents be not forthcoming, other Certificates for the said shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1923. [684]

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.
(INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD., will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., FORDEN STREET, HONGKONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of APRIL, 1923, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.
By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1923. [681]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, 21st APRIL, 1923, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 25th February, 1923, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st April, 1923, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1923. [686]

TO LET.

FROM about APRIL 1st, Two OFFICES and One Small ROOM. Moderate Rental.
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c/o Daily Press Office.
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[163]

TO LET.

ONE EUROPEAN FLAT in "Lau Bunde" Wanchai Gap Road. Apply to No 32, Kennedy Road.
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UNFURNISHED, No. 144, Ten Peak near the Barker Road Tram Station—8 Rooms for 9 Months, \$150 Per Month. For particulars apply to
DENISON RAM & GIBB.
9th February, 1923. [685]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB,
TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS are requested to wear Membership Badges when watching Matches from the Stand. Court, otherwise they are liable to pay the Non-Members' Entrance Fees.

By Order,
E. J. R. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
[678]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION, AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

HONGKONG STATION.

FROM 9th APRIL, 1923, and until further Notice, Mr. R. M. MACALPINE will be in charge of the above Company's Station at Hongkong.
M. E. F. AIREY,
Superintendent.
[675]

LADIES and GENTLEMEN. Suffering from any kind of Disease, however complicated and long-standing, the case may be, are requested to write present condition of the disease. Full particulars of treatment, advice, etc., free under cover. "Sai" Works, Bechoo-square (H.P.), Calcutta (India). [102]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th APRIL, 1923, commencing at 3 P.M., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

ONE SET OF MINT MACHINERY.

THIS AUCTION IS POSTPONED until a date which will be notified later.
LAMBERT BROTHERS,
Auctioneers.
[628]

By Order of the Executrix
PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS OF SALE
of
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

74, CAINE ROAD, HONGKONG

To be Sold by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

on
TUESDAY, the 17th DAY of APRIL, 1923,
at 3 o'clock, P.M.
by
Messrs. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers,
at their Auction Room,
Duddell Street, HONGKONG.

The Property Consists of—
All that Piece or Parcel of Ground registered in the Land Office as Island Lot No. 4300, together with the messages and premises thereon known as No. 74, Caine Road.
The dwelling House is most commodious and would be suitable for a large family house or hotel.
The House faces the Harbour and is situated in a very valuable quarter of Hongkong commanding a splendid view.
There are 16 large Airy Rooms, Spacious Garden and Lawn with Garage attached, also Extensive Back Garden.
Every modern convenience, Hot and Cold Water System and Electric Light and Gas.
There is an Extensive Basement and Excellent Servants' Quarters having separate entrance.
Extensive Verandahs on Three Floors and amongst other conveniences there are Two Bathrooms, Two Kitchens, Storeroom and Linen Closet and Attractive Investment.
The Premises are held under a Crown Lease for the term of 999 years from the 1st day of September, 1897.
The Vendor would be prepared to leave half the purchase money on Mortgage at current rate of interest on the day of Auction.
For further particulars apply to
Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS,
The Auctioneers,
Duddell Street,
or
Messrs. D'ALMADA & MASON,
Solicitors for the Vendor,
33, Queen's Road, Central.
Dated the 4th day of April, 1923.
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PARTICULARS
of
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY
Situated
No. 13, WING HING STREET,
VICTORIA, HONGKONG.
To be Sold by Order of the Mortgagee
By
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on
MONDAY,
The 14th DAY of MAY, 1923, at 3 o'clock P.M.
By
Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS
At Their Office, Duddell Street.

THE Property Consists of First ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situated at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 2168 together with the messages erections or buildings thereon now known as No. 13, Wing Hing Street and Secondly ALL THAT strip of land at the rear of the said Section A of Inland Lot No. 2168 being a scavenging lane. All of which premises are held for the residue of the term of 78 years from the 14th day of May, 1906, created by the Crown Lease thereof together with the valuable machinery now situated in or upon the said premises and at No. 1 Gordon Street.
Particulars and Conditions of sale may be obtained from
Messrs. HASTINGS & HASTINGS,
Solicitors,
8, Des Voeux Road Central.
and
Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS
Auctioneers.
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CHU, At Shanghai, on April 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. CHU, a daughter.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 10TH, 1923.

HONGKONG'S "LACK OF ENTERPRISE."

THERE are few places in the world that proclaim to the visitor more distinctly than does Hongkong—the enterprise of its citizens. When, therefore, a transient visitor is overheard to declare that there must be "a singular lack of enterprise in Hongkong," the words naturally strike the resident with astonishment. But as the observation related to the absence of "broadcasting" and "listening in," and as the visitor possibly was interested in the manufacture of wireless instruments, he could certainly plead that his words were "true in substance and in fact" so far as his special interest is concerned. No doubt, it does strike the visitor from New York or San Francisco as strange that in a place which in many ways shows indisputable evidence of enterprise, it is so completely "behind the times" in the matter of "broadcasting" and "listening-in" which has become so popular a feature of life in America and, now, in Great Britain also. The daily "broadcasting programmes" have become quite a feature in the papers of London, Manchester, Birmingham and other large towns in England. In London, the special use to which the invention is put is in providing "listeners in" with concerts in their own homes at given times of the day. Last month the whole of the performance of the opera "Polly" at the Kingsway Theatre was being broadcasted nightly by the London Broadcasting Station. In other towns "news" is a feature of the programmes. Another wonderful invention which is just coming into use in England is the "telephone distributor," an instrument similar to that which was used in the United States when President Harding addressed 160,000

people in Washington and 350,000 in San Francisco simultaneously at the funeral of the Unknown Warrior of the United States. In England a wonderful sound distributor was being used at the Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia last month which took the music of the band to every part of the Exhibition area. The plant, which cost about £5,000, has a radius of sound in the open air of four and a half miles. We read that "it has been calculated that in the circle drawn with such a radius the whole population of London could be placed. In other words, one man speaking with his natural voice could make himself heard by many millions." As it was, visitors in any part of the grounds at Olympia heard the full-toned band playing apparently from the air above them. Such "entertainment" as this we are not likely to see in Hongkong, but if the cost rules out the possibility of such telephone transmission here, we may surely expect some day to range ourselves with Shanghai in the matter of wireless broadcasting. Concerts have been periodically broadcasted in Shanghai for some time past, and also in Manila. But, really, we see little prospect of "broadcasting" becoming a paying proposition in Hongkong or of affording "listeners in" any constant enjoyment unless we could count upon listening, say, to the daily performances of the famous Constabulary Band at Manila and such musical treats as may be provided anywhere between Tokyo and the Straits Settlements. Possibly the Chinese may be the first to take up the invention for the pleasure of listening to famous singers or actors in Canton. We fear, however, that if the introduction of broadcasting in Hongkong is to be taken as indicating a lack of enterprise, Hongkong will remain under that stigma for some time yet to come.

The accounts of this year's Carnival at Manila show a surplus of P20,000.

It is announced by Messrs. Lammet Bros. that the auction of mint machinery previously advertised for to-morrow has been postponed.

Mr. Somerset Maugham, the well-known playwright, who has been staying in Peking for some time, recently left for Japan travelling through Korea on his way to England via America.

Capt. H. G. Myhre, who has retired from the position of Harbourmaster at Shanghai was entertained at the Shanghai Club last week to a complimentary dinner by his many friends, both business and otherwise, including shipping companies and other influential bodies.

Mr. W. W. Lockwood, of the Shanghai Y.M.C.A., has been appointed acting senior secretary of the International Committee for China. While serving in this capacity Mr. Lockwood will continue his relationship to the Shanghai Chinese Association as associate general secretary.

The Rev. Mr. G. E. S. Updell, one of the masters at Queen's College, on Saturday night, was walking along the road near No. 5 Queen's College Gardens when he saw the body of a Chinese woman hanging from the railings of that house. She appeared to be about thirty-five years of age. Her identity is unknown. The body was conveyed to the Mortuary.

The Portuguese newspaper *O Liberal*, of Macao, states that Mr. Lee Hy San, the Opium Farmer, taking up an idea suggested by H.E. the Governor, has just made two more important donations: one of \$5,000, which he has sent to the Committee of the Chinese School of St. Lazarus, for the improvement of that school; the other, also of \$5,000, which he has delivered to the Right Rev. Bishop of Macao, for distribution among the charitable institutions, under the charge of this diocese. Mr. Lee Hy San has recently made a subscription of \$5,000 to the New Diocesan Boys' School of Hongkong.

The death has occurred at Peking of Madame Petithuguenin, the esteemed wife of the Manager of the Russo-Asiatic Bank in Peking. Madame Petithuguenin, who was a great favourite with her compatriots and a well-known figure in Peking Society, had the ill-fortune to be attacked twice by influenza in the course of the winter an affliction which greatly lowered her vitality. An attack of scarlet fever following soon afterwards, was aggravated by ear-trouble of a serious nature. After an anxious consultation between specialists, it was declared that the risk must be taken and an immediate operation performed to avoid the possibility of the abscess which had formed reaching the brain. The operation was technically successful but a few hours later also expired.

Four shops adjoining the "Cafe Wiseman" site, Nos. 16, 16A, 16B, and 16C, Des Voeux Road Central, were sold last week for \$448,185 by Messrs. Honing and Lam Fuk-chi. The ground floors of these premises are at present occupied by the Swatow Drawn Thread Company, the Blue Bird Cafe, the Alexandra Cafe and a large godown at the rear rented by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., together with many offices on the upper floors. The property was purchased some years ago by a Chinese lady from the Land Investment Co. Re-construction is said to be intended by the new purchasers.

The death has occurred in Japan of M. Auguste Louis Bouffier, secretary of the Nippon Race Club. The deceased was born in Tokyo in August, 1873, his father having come to Japan with the French Military Mission to become the trainer of military bands. Engaged with various firms, Mr. Bouffier left Japan when war broke out to join the French forces, and was at Verdun. On his return to Japan on the signing of the Armistice, he secured employment with the Banque Industrielle, and when the Bank closed he joined Messrs. Rosenthal. About three months ago he was appointed Secretary of the Nippon Race Club.

"London," says one of the Metropolitan newspapers, "is in the grip of a new game which has already taken so great a hold in the United States as largely to supplant the playing of bridge. 'Mahjongg,' as it is called, is of Chinese origin, and has been the rage in China for 2,000 years. It remains the most popular game both there and in Japan. Its introduction into this country has been brought about by visitors to the East. To come unawares on a party of 'Mahjongg' enthusiasts is at first disconcerting. No sound is audible except the occasional muttering of 'Pung,' 'Gong,' or 'Chow,' as the players claim their scores. After a game arguments as to what a player should have done are varied from the monotony of 'If only you'd played the six of spades,' etc., by heated references to 'the three of Tiao,' 'the eight of Tung,' and why 'East Wind' should have played his 'Red Dragon.' And here, the wad who knows the game has his little laugh!

THE HOUSING COMMISSION.

SUGGESTIONS INVITED.

Attention is drawn to an advertisement inserted to-day by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., as Chairman of the Housing Commission, inviting suggestions from members of the public in regard to a variety of subjects which the Commission will be taking into consideration. Letters embodying the same questions are also being sent, in accordance with a decision arrived at by the Members of the Commission, to Architects in private practice; Building Contractors; The Secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce; The Secretary of the Kowloon Residents' Association; and to the President of the Club Lusitano.

THE APLICHAU BLAZE

CAUSED BY CANDLE UPSETTING AGAINST MOSQUITO NET.

The origin of the blaze which destroyed half the village of Aplchau, an island just off Aberdeen, has now been definitely ascertained. It was at first believed that the fire started through a mineral oil lamp being overturned on the first floor of a house in the main street. This was not actually the case. The blaze was started by a candle being overturned against a mosquito net. The gauze netting became a sheet of flame, and in a very short time the room was untenable. The exact number of houses destroyed was thirty-two, and the damage is now estimated at \$150,000.

OBITUARY.

CAPT. R. Y. ANDERSON.

The many friends of the late Captain R. Y. Anderson will no doubt be interested to hear that particulars have now been received by mail from Home regarding the death of this well-known and respected Captain, who only recently left the Service of the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd., on retirement after serving with that Company for 33 years. Captain Anderson passed away very suddenly at his residence in Home Bay after a brief heart attack at 3 a.m. on the 21st February last, having previously enjoyed good health. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 24th February, and was attended in addition to his relatives, by brother Messrs. at Home, and representatives of the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd., who placed wreaths on the grave on behalf of the Directors, General Managers and Floating staff of the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd. Captain R. Y. Anderson leaves a widow and 3 children for whom much sympathy is felt by a large number of friends on the Chinese Coast.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)THE IRISH REBELLION.
EXECUTIVE DIVIDED IN
OPINION.

LONDON, April 8th.

Captured documents, published in Dublin, show that at a meeting of the Irregular Executive, held on March 23rd, a motion by Barry, Deputy Chief-of-Staff, seconded by the commander of the Irregular first southern division, "That further resistance to the Free State Government would not further the cause of independence," was defeated by only one vote, the voting being 5 for 6 against.

IRREGULAR COMMANDER'S IL-
LUMINATING REPORT.

LONDON, April 8th.

Further evidence of the straits to which the Irregulars have been reduced are contained in the report of a meeting of Irregulars belonging to the first southern division, in which the commander endorsed the opinion of brigade commanders, that a summer campaign is impossible. He says, "The division has been fought to a standstill, and is flattened out. In the three Cork brigades twenty-nine have been killed, and roughly thirteen posts captured, and six seriously attacked. If five men are arrested in each area we are finished. The men are suffering great privations, the morale is going, and the enemy is in a very strong position, with several battalions in Curragh."

REPORTED OIL FIND.

MELBOURNE DISCOVERY PROVES A
FAILURE.

MELBOURNE, April 8th.

The Government expert has investigated the oil discovery at Williamstown, and declares that there is no evidence of oil from below the ground. The geological conditions are unfavourable.

EARLIER CABLES.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN
FRENCH COMMENT ON M.
LOUCHEUR'S VISIT.

PARIS, April 8th.

The newspapers deprecate apprehensions that M. Loucheur's visit to England will result in a weakening of France's policy and declare that it simply means a strengthening of the Entente. The *Figaro* says the Government to make a plain statement to that effect so as to correct the misinterpretations placed on the visit by certain English newspapers. *Le Matin* declares there is a good chance of reconciliation of the viewpoints of Great Britain, France and Belgium. Mr. Bonar Law's Cabinet is likely to make concessions with regard to its share of reparations and France's debt to Great Britain, provided Germany can meet the arrears of the American debt.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

STEVENSON SCHEME FINDS
FAVOUR IN AMERICA.

LONDON, April 8th.

Following a visit to London to study the probable effects of the Stevenson restriction scheme on the crude rubber trade of the United States, Mr. B. G. Work, of the B. F. Goodrich Company, states there will be no shortage under the scheme, which is temporarily serving a good purpose for the growers and manufacturers alike. The American manufacturers have concluded that there is no immediate hope of American rubber in quantities that would emancipate the manufacturers of the United States from British-grown rubber.

NEW LAUSANNE CONFER-
ENCE.TURKS STILL MAINTAIN
RESERVATIONS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8th.

The Government of Ankara has proposed that the Lausanne Conference shall meet on April 23rd.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8th.

The Turkish reply to the Allied Note fixes April 23rd for the next Lausanne Conference. The reply maintains certain reservations on the economic and financial questions, and questions with regard to mixed tribunals and guarantees for foreigners.

THE MEMEL DISPUTE.

AUTHORITIES DECLARE STATE
OF SIEGE.

BERLIN, April 8th.

The Lithuanian authorities at Memel have declared a state of siege in connection with the suppression of the German inhabitants' general strike as a protest against the incorporation of the Memel region in Lithuania. Business has been ordered to re-open on Monday. Troops violently broke up a German mass meeting, and the monument of Emperor Wilhelm the First at Memel was overthrown.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DISASTROUS FLOODS NEAR
FUCHATIEN.3,000 DROWNED; THOUSANDS
HOMELESS.

SHANGHAI, April 9th.

The *Evening News* publishes a report from Harbin that over 3,000 were drowned on April 7th, and thousands rendered homeless, as a result of the flooded Sungari River bursting the Hankiang dyke near Fuchatien. It is reported that a score of villages were carried away.

DR. WELLINGTON KOO ACTING
FOREIGN MINISTER.

PEKING, April 8th.

Mandates issued early this morning accepted the resignation of Huang Fu, and appointed Dr. Wellington Koo acting Foreign Minister.

PEKING, April 8th.

The Government have forwarded a despatch to Parliament stating that, owing to the urgency and importance of foreign affairs, they have appointed Dr. Wellington Koo acting Foreign Minister, without waiting for Parliamentary ratification, but the Government hopes that Parliament will speedily ratify his appointment.

It is expected that Dr. Wellington Koo will assume his duties to-morrow.

A delegation from Szechuan arrived to-day to urge the appointment of Yang Sen as Military Governor of Szechuan.

SUN CHUAN FANG'S ARMY
REACHES FOCHOW.

SHANGHAI, April 8th.

A semi-official statement states that Admiral Sah Chen Ping has wired to the Government stating that the forty-second regiment, which is part of General Sun Chuan Fang's army, reached Fochow on April 6th. A telegram states that the troops are well disciplined, and the Fochow population is not alarmed.

Liu Kuang Hsing has wired declining the post of Coast Defence Commissioner of Fukien and Kwangtung.

BOXER INDEMNITY ALLOCATION.

SUGGESTED TEXTILE SCHOOL AT
SHANGHAI.

LONDON, April 8th.

In a letter to the *Observer*, Mr. Charles Watson, parliamentary representative of the Textile Machinery Makers' Association, draws attention to the scheme to establish a textile technical school in Shanghai, now before the British Government, and says he believes the scheme will be warmly approved by the Chinese Government and Chinese interests in Shanghai, and also has the goodwill of Lancashire, and those having any long personal knowledge of China and British trade prospects.

The scheme is necessitated by the keenness of American competition. It will be a stiff fight to recapture the predominant position Britain held before the war. A similar American textile school in Shanghai has done them a great service. It is vital to Britain to follow such a good example. Undoubtedly the scheme comes under the category of educational work valuable to the two countries, for which the Boxer indemnity is to be remitted. The creation of the school will go far to maintain British prestige in China. Apart from the initial cost of construction, it is suggested that the annual allocation can be very small. There is every hope that the Government will earmark, at all events, a portion of the sum available for promotion of technical education in China, to which British commercial interests in the Far East are officially pledged.

THE FATAL MOTCE SMASH.

BOTH PATIENTS IMPROVING.

BERNAY, April 9th.

Professor Hartmann has operated under a local anesthetic on Princess Kiasabirakawa, who underwent it very well. The Princess is satisfactorily progressing and Prince Asaka continues to improve, it not being found necessary to operate on him.

INDUSTRIAL UPHEAVAL.

SAILING OF THE LINER
"FRANCE" CANCELLED.

LE HAVRE, April 8th.

The sailing of the liner *France* has been cancelled, owing to the engineers' obduracy, and the 250 passengers have been again conveyed to Paris.

BELGIUM'S COMMERCIAL
FAIR.

BRUSSELS, April 8th.

The fourth official Commercial Fair, which the King opens to-day, occupies two large buildings in addition to a number of kiosks. It has attracted private firms from all over the Continent, the Far East and America, the only Governments represented being the Union of South Africa and French West Africa.

AMERICAN CABLE NEWS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS MESSAGES TO
MANILA PAPERS.]

THE POSITION OF SUGAR.

WASHINGTON, March 31st.

The Department of Commerce to-day estimated the world production of beet and cane sugar for the crop year of 1922-1923 at 20,450,000 short tons, which is 2,142,000 more than the February estimate. No estimate is made of the probable consumption. It is pointed out that the stocks on hand also should be taken into consideration. The statement says:

"Increased European production indicates that the demand for Cuban sugar may be less than last year."

The total cane production for all countries reporting is estimated at 14,735,000 tons compared with 14,690,000 last year. The Cuban production was 4,980,000 tons. RISE DUE TO LEGITIMATE CAUSES.

NEW YORK, March 29th.

The Association of Mill Owners and Cane Growers of Cuba to-day sent a message to Horatio S. Rubens, honorary president of the association, expressing the opinion that the rise in the price of sugar was due to legitimate causes and not to speculative acts on the part of Cuban sugar producers. The message says:

"The producers sold freely during the development of the crop without attempting to hold for a speculative rise. The rise in price is attributable to the statistical position and the demand for consumption."

SPECULATION CAUSE OF RISE.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., March 31st.

C. H. Huston who recently resigned as Assistant Secretary of Commerce, expects to confer with President Harding to-day regarding the sugar situation. Mr. Huston expressed the opinion that the advances in prices were due to speculation.

SIX MONTHS FOR PROBE.

WASHINGTON, March 30th.

It was indicated to-day that at least six months will elapse before the result of the tariff commission's inquiry into the sugar situation will be made known.

AMERICA'S SILVER BULLION
REQUIREMENTS.

WASHINGTON, April 1st.

Director of the Mint Scooby predicted to-day that treasury requirements of silver bullion purchases under the Pittman act will be fulfilled by July 1st. He said about 20,000,000 fine ounces remain to be bought under the act.

VEGETABLE OILS UNDER THE
U.S. TARIFF.

WASHINGTON, April 1st.

The Southern Tariff Association has asked the United States Tariff Commission not to grant applications for a revision of the import duties on vegetable oils and competing fats.

AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

[CABLE MESSAGES FROM INDIAN PAPERS.]

NORFOLK FARM STRIKE.

LONDON, March 17th.

Between 10,000 and 20,000 farm workers last night, ceased to work in Norfolk, as a consequence of notice of reduction of their wages from six pence to five pence, half penny an hour and the increase of the working week from 50 to 51 hours. There was a joint peace conference to-day. It is not noteworthy that the present rate in Norfolk is 25 shillings a week compared with 30 shillings in Devon.

THE RUBBER EXPORTS
RESTRICTION.

LONDON, March 17th.

The *Westminster Gazette* points out that the maintenance of the present restricted ratio of rubber exports under the Stevenson scheme, is not only essential if the industry is to remain on a paying basis, but it is also highly important from the standpoint of paying interest on the British debt to America. The paper says the latter amounts this year to £31,000,000 and assuming that the United States buys only 2,000,000 tons of British plantation rubber at 18 pence per pound, it will cost her over £33,000,000. America last year took over 775,000 tons and the estimate for 1923 is 785,000 tons.

TWO GAINSBOROUGHS STOLEN.

LONDON, March 18th.

Two most valuable Gainsboroughs were cut from their frames yesterday and stolen from a residence near Newbury. The owner Mr. H. C. Sutton was awakened by the burglars' movements. One of the two Gainsborough portraits of the Duchess of Devonshire was stolen in 1878. The most notable picture theft of recent years was that of the Mona Lisa which was stolen from the Louvre but subsequently recovered.

PROTECTION IN INDIA.

LONDON, March 19th.

Addressing the East India Association, Dr. Gilbert Slater declared the new policy of protection in India was a mistake and would prove a sad disappointment. There was more need in India for direct energy and effort for remedying evils coming from rapid industrialism than further stimulation of the movement by such methods as Protection.

INNER CHAMBER OF PHARAOH'S
TOMB.February 10th, 1923, will be an historic day in the annals of Egyptian archaeology. For on it the Earl of Carnarvon and his assistants pierced the wall of the inner chamber of King Tutankhamon's 3,000-year-old tomb, and in it discovered treasures heretofore brought to light only into relative insignificance. Down to the present these wonders of Egyptian art have only been glanced at in the rays of electric lamps thrown through the hole made in the wall by the excavators, but it is already known that the body of the dead Pharaoh rests there under a gorgeous shrine or canopy of unbelievably beautiful design and workmanship. *Daily Telegraph*.
THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon when the following officials were elected for the following year:

Chairman.—Mr. Li Pu-kwai (one of Hongkong's leading Chinese rice merchants);

Vice-Chairman.—Mr. Ho Kwong;

Treasurer.—Mr. Li Wing-kwong;

Vice-Treasurer.—Mr. Chan U-tung;

Legal Adviser.—Mr. M. K. Lo;

Secretary in charge of the English section of the Chamber of Commerce work.—Mr. T. N. Chau.

Executive Committee.—The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotelawala, Messrs. Li Yik-mui, M. K. Lo, T. N. Chau, Chau Suk-ki, Ho Yu, Tong Yat-chuen, Yung Ching, Lo Chung-kue, Simon Tse-yan, Chan Pich-chuen, J. M. Wong, To Sze-kuen, Ho Wing and Lo Cheung-shui.

The annual report of the Chamber does not refer to any of the past year's activities. It, however, mentions that the subscriptions for the year have been a record. It also refers to the appointment of an English Secretary which has been made necessary by the increased English correspondence and intercourse. Dealing with expenditure the report states that this has been double that of the previous year, mainly due to the large expenditure incurred in fitting up the new premises of the Chamber.

THE REFINERY COOLIES'
ROW.COMBATANTS BOUND OVER TO
KEEP THE PEACE.

The thirty-five coolies charged in connection with the recent free fight at the China Sugar Refinery made their second appearance before the Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood) yesterday morning.

It will be remembered that the fight started on the lines of a World War. Two small boys quarrelled and fought. The mothers took sides and fought each other. Next father came in on the side of mother, and fought. Naturally, when father came in, his clansmen had to back him up, and, of course, the clansmen's friends came in and took sides, till finally a battle royal was in progress. The women tore each other's hair, and the men exchanged bricks, stones, and anything else that came handy, including bamboo poles. What happened to the small boys was not related; probably they stood back and enjoyed the fun.

Eventually, however, the police arrived and stopped the commotion. Yesterday Mr. F. C. Vaux appeared on behalf of the defendants. He pleaded for leniency on their behalf, and produced the President of the China Chow General Workers' Association, the men's guild. This worthy, offered to act as a personal surety on their behalf, and His Worship (Mr. J. R. Wood), bound them over in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

BOY-ASTRONOMER.

CHANGE IN STAR FOUND WITH
NAKED EYE.

A correspondent at Athens, writing to a London paper, says:

William Nelson Abbott, who is credited with discovering that the star Beta Ceti had become of the first magnitude, is a boy of British parentage. He is 16½ years old, but has been studying astronomy as a hobby for five years. He intends to adopt it as a career, and is already a member of the Société Astronomique de France and the Association Française des Observateurs d'Étoiles Variables of Lyons.

I was standing on the terrace roof of my house," he said, "preparing to take observations for the Association d'Étoiles Variables, when I noticed with the naked eye the extreme brilliancy of Beta Ceti as it went to the telescope to compare Beta with the star Aldebaran, which was taken as a unit, and found that Beta had increased in brilliance more than 8 magnitudes. I determined the star's position on a chart and telephoned to the Athens Observatory, where it was said that nothing had been observed."

"This was on February 26th. I telegraphed next day to M. Camille Flammarion, the astronomer, in Paris: 'Sudden brilliancy of Beta Ceti superior to that of Aldebaran.' For the next two days observation was impossible owing to clouds, but on the third day I noted that although diminished in intensity, the brilliancy of Beta Ceti was still much more than normal. Since then it has been beyond the power of my telescope to make further observations owing to the earlier setting of the star and the intervening twilight."

"Beta Ceti is a star in the constellation of the whale (Cetus), in the Southern Hemisphere, near Pises and Aries. It is 2,250 million miles from the earth, and the increase in brilliancy noticed now must have occurred 400 years ago, that is, during the reign of Henry VIII."

OUR LONDON LETTER.

EMPIRE WIRELESS LEFT TO
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.THE GOVERNMENT'S INDECISION
OVER HOUSING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, March 8th.

A SET-BACK FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

The Government have had a very bad fright over the defeat of Col. Stanley, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Home Office, at East Witley, and Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, Minister of Health, at Mitcham. Both candidates failed to secure seats at the General Election in November, and since then they have been trying to woo other constituencies which were considered "safe" from the Conservative party standpoint. Now, having been defeated again, both candidates have handed their resignations of office to the Prime Minister, and there will have to be a re-constitution of the Government. Only a very superficial observer would attribute what has happened to personal shortcomings on the part of the candidates. The election in each case was fought avowedly upon the simple domestic issue of housing.

To readers in the Far East it is, I suppose, impossible to convey adequately a sense of the profound anxiety, bordering on panic, with which tenants are obsessed at the mere prospect of eviction as soon as the Rent Act expires. This is a subject which touches every home in the land except where houses have been purchased by the occupiers (often at an exorbitant price) in order to keep a roof overhead. Tenants everywhere see themselves faced with the alternative of having to quit or to pay any preposterously high rent the landlord chooses to fix as soon as de-control takes place. Thus the "acid test," as President Wilson would say, for Col. Stanley and Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen was whether they would vote for continuance of control till the housing shortage is made good. As they were unable to give the required promise they were signally defeated, the former by a Liberal and the latter by a Labour man.

THE CASE IN A NUTSHELL.

I cannot go into the complexities of the housing question in this article, or discuss the difficulties with which the Government are confronted. There is, for instance, the argument of the landlords that while "the butcher, the baker, and candlestick maker" of the old rhyme—every trader and manufacturer in the country—could make tons of money during the war, and since, owners of house-property were prevented by the Rent Act from getting rid of a tenant and selling the house, or from raising the rent except by a narrow margin specifically laid down by law. On the other hand, there is the argument of the tenants that, as the war stopped all building by private enterprise, a house famine was created, which the Government's promised housing schemes have failed to remedy, and therefore it is unjust to hand them over to the clutches of predatory landlords. This is the case for both sides in a nutshell.

In the circumstances, the first move was with the Government. The Housing Question was one of the main issues at the General Election. But all that has been done by the Government was, first, to fob off both landlords and tenants with smooth assurances that their claims to consideration would be dealt with, and, secondly, to introduce a Bill proposing to de-control the highest-rented houses first. Now, the effect of this would be to protect the working-class tenants and throw the middle-class house-holders to the wolves. The latter have paid and suffered already to the breaking point of endurance, and this seeming disregard of their position was the last straw. We therefore find East Witley and Mitcham rejecting the Government candidates—both members of the Administration and one of them a Cabinet Minister—with smashing majorities.

At the time of writing, the news is that a new Housing Bill is to be introduced. This means that the Government have learnt their lesson. They cannot afford to ignore the middle-class voter with the same nonchalance as heretofore, the make-shift opportunism, quick-change methods of the Coalition—a legacy Mr. Bonar Law and his colleagues have inherited—are no longer practical politics. The moral of the recent by-elections is that people want sincerity in politics. They mean to have a square deal on a matter which so nearly touches the hearth and home as housing and rentals. They intend to insist that their rulers shall cease to regard politics as a traditional game.

EMPIRE WIRELESS.

Editorial comments in the newspapers are all much in the same strain in respect of the Government decision to permit private enterprise to develop wireless enterprise within the Empire. Mr. Bonar Law is heartily congratulated on having resolved to reverse the policy of the Coalition based on the idea that there should be no Government control—managed, presumably, by the Department which has found the business of controlling the telephone system confined to our own borders rather more than can be efficiently handled.

It has taken a long time to arrive at this decision, and in the meanwhile France, the United States, Japan and Germany have been allowed to secure an advantage over us through our dilly-dally policy. Perhaps the most striking object-lesson as to the fatuity of officialdom in this matter was that provided a few weeks ago when a wireless telephone message was received in London from America while the experts in London were unable to reply in the same way. In the face of this something had to be done.

Now we have the assurance that private enterprise will be able to give us within 12 months facilities which ought to have been ours years ago. We are promised rapid and cheap wireless telegraphic communication with distant markets, including those of the Far East. There is also the agreeable expectation that this service will be available without any charge falling on the national exchequer. It will be conducted under competitive conditions, and will, it is stated, produce an actual revenue by means of licences.

LIBERAL LEADERSHIP.

The question of the leadership of the Liberal Party, if and when the shattered sections of that traditional power in the State are able and willing to unite, is being widely discussed just now. But, so far as I can see, there are grave doubts whether anything practical will result from the waving of the olive branch by Mr. Lloyd George at Edinburgh. He performed the ceremony with characteristic flourishes of oratory. "As far as I am concerned," he said, "there is no question of leadership." And he added, "Let him who can lead; let him who will follow." This reads very well in the newspapers at breakfast next morning; the sentiment is excellent. But, it is asked, whom would Mr. Lloyd George follow in his meek and docile mood?

He has himself sketched the ample qualifications which his leader must possess. "I am willing to follow," he declared, "any leader who possesses the necessary vision, resolution, wisdom, courage, and inspiration." And Mr. Lloyd George is, of course, to judge whether the chief who claims his allegiance displays all these necessary qualities.

All I can say is that the test is so severe that only one man could "hope to pass it successfully—and that man is Mr. Lloyd George. So it will be wise for the student of politics to regard his statement on the subject of Liberal leadership as a plain intimation that the ex-Premier is prepared to be his own leader, and that he will be pleased to see a Liberal Party of sorts, if not the Liberal Party, fall in behind him.

THE PASSING SHOW.

The other week we had the Chancellor of the Exchequer politely asking the people of the Channel Islands to pay their share of War taxation, from which they have been exempt, since they are not under the authority of the British Parliament. It is dire necessity—"need's must" when the devil drives," as the old saw puts it—that compels this application. Now we have the Inland Revenue Commissioners, for the same reason, proposing to tap a new source of revenue by demanding payment of Income Tax in connection with street processions.

There is the Lord Mayor's show in London, or a Royal procession through Fleet Street and the Strand, or to open Parliament; or it may be that some provincial town has organised a pageant, or the Lord of the Manor is marrying the village maiden amid rustic rejoicing—in any case, where windows are let or stands are erected to enable people to see the passing show, why not make money out of it? This is the simple plan as conceived by the Commissioners, to whom everything that can be taxed in these hard times is deserving of attention so long as it brings grit to the Treasury mill.

A TEST CASE.

The matter has been definitely raised with regard to a Pageant at Preston, and a test case is to be made of it in the Courts. The Commissioners of Inland Revenue argue that a pageant passing through the streets is as much an entertainment as a tableau on the stage of a theatre, and that, if people pay a householder for the privilege of sitting at a window to watch the "characters" go by, the householder is like the lessee of a theatre and therefore should be subject to taxation as such.

Until now the streets have been a free show where we can all witness the ever-changing drama of life, with its comedy and tragedy, its pleasures and sorrows, and it is appalling even to think that a Government Department is seeking to fix a charge upon us for looking on under the pretext that now and then (as in the case of Preston) some part of the play is specially staged for our amusement. Londoners have a particular interest in the outcome of the legal battle between Preston and the Commissioners, for there are more processions in the streets of the Metropolis than in any other city in the world.

DOMINIONS AND UNEMPLOYED.

I hear that a scheme about which little has been heard outside official circles has been considered by the Cabinet dealing with the unemployed problem from a new angle. It seems that Ministers have given favourable attention to a proposal that Treasury should guarantee loans for development works in the Dominions, on the condition that the bulk of the money is spent in this country. My information is that one of the Dominions has proposed a loan of three millions sterling for railway material to be manufactured here.

Needless to say, there are great possibilities in a scheme of this description, and it would not be surprising if the Government decided to give it a trial. The idea seems to work in well with the movement to encourage inter-Empire trade. There are, I am assured, even the possibilities of making this proposal the basis of a permanent scheme for helping to find work for the army of unemployed in almost every part of the country, representing nearly every branch of national activity in the realm of industry.

As at present arranged, the matter will be raised in the House of Commons during the present session. It should be understood, of course, that the scheme referred to, involving a loan with the sanction of Parliament, is quite separate and distinct from the Credit Facilities Act—H.B.

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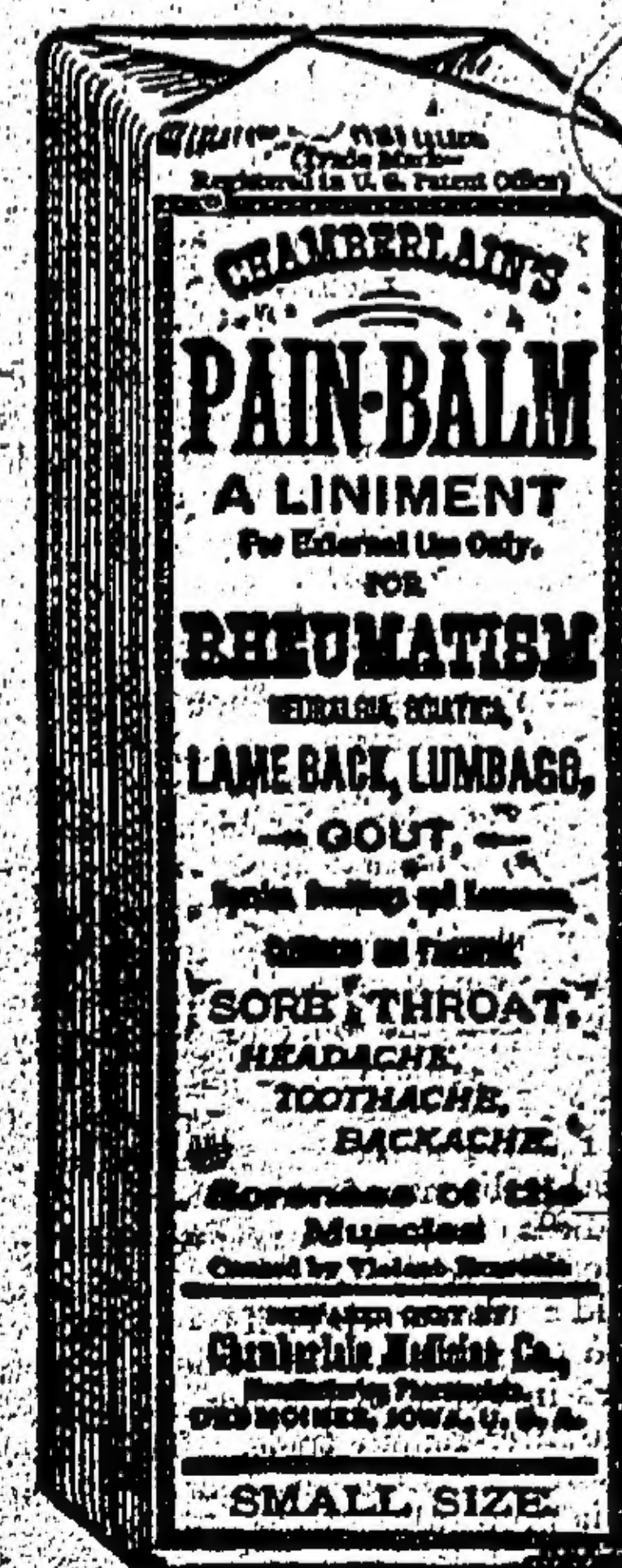
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The education of the modern woman did not compare unfavourably with that of her mother as it did fifty years ago. Broadly speaking it was quite untrue that girls and boys received the same education. Girls generally were nothing like so well educated as boys of to-day, but there had been an improvement since fifty years ago, when girls received their chief education from their people; they met. Fifty years ago, it was assumed that a woman was not to develop her potentialities. She was meant to be useful, but not to develop mentally. She was expected to suppress anything that revealed her showing and to be a gracious waitress, and above all she must be adaptable. The theory was that one half of the world was to be fully developed and the other half adaptable.

STANDING HALF-WAY.

To-day a woman was expected to a certain extent to develop her powers. She was expected to possess her own individuality, but to stand on her feet and to be to a certain extent responsible. We hardly realised how difficult this made things for women now days. The old method was easier. The new was better, but we were not facing it, and to-day three-fourths of a girl's training was still aimed at making her adapt herself to the world as it was, along the lines of fifty years ago. Lady Rhonda said she thought it would have led to the death of all the rations that pursued it. It meant that women were becoming parasites and useless, and as mothers they would have to such an evil influence that the nation would have lost its ideals. She hoped that to-day we had been saved from this danger because we had a way to a new conception. "The war helped to get us out of the old state of affairs," she said, "but since the war we have slipped. To cry that women ought not to work is cropping up again." Is it possible that instead of going forward to a conception of a fully-developed womanhood, we are standing still? One thing is certain. We cannot stand still where we are. We may have to go forward or back, and I am not at all sure which we are going to do."

Mr. J. K. Jerome said he was glad modern women had taken her place in the world, but what was she going to do with it? In his young days, female of the species did not talk as the women were savage than the male. Her gentleness might have been a pretence to attract men, but it did attract them. All the savage sentiments he had listened to in the last nine years the worst came from women's lips. The women told him recently he overheard two people talking about them. A stern-looking officer, telling his companion pitifully about the sufferings of professors who had come here for help in Germany. The lady solemnly gloated over the story, and she was glad the Germans were getting the taste of their own medicine. "Are you girls of to-day?" asked Mr. Jerome, "trying to bring up their children to continue violence or to remain just as they are?" "Yes," answered the young man, "if we are only going to public affairs to compete with men in violence and make them more violent, we should go back."

Dr. Bernard Hollander, discussing question from another point of view, that in men most illnesses were due nervous exhaustion, while those of women were mostly due to restricted energies.

M. Camille Flammarion, the astronomer, on February 24th, reported to the French Academy of Sciences that a star of the second magnitude, Beta Ceti, in the constellation of the Whale, has suddenly become a star of the first magnitude, with a brilliancy surpassing that of "Aldebaran." The phenomenon was first observed at Athens by Mr. Abbott, who is a member of the French Academy of Science, and was reported to M. Flammarion, who immediately made an observation made at the Juvicy Observatory. The brilliancy of the star is estimated to have increased from ten to fifteen times.

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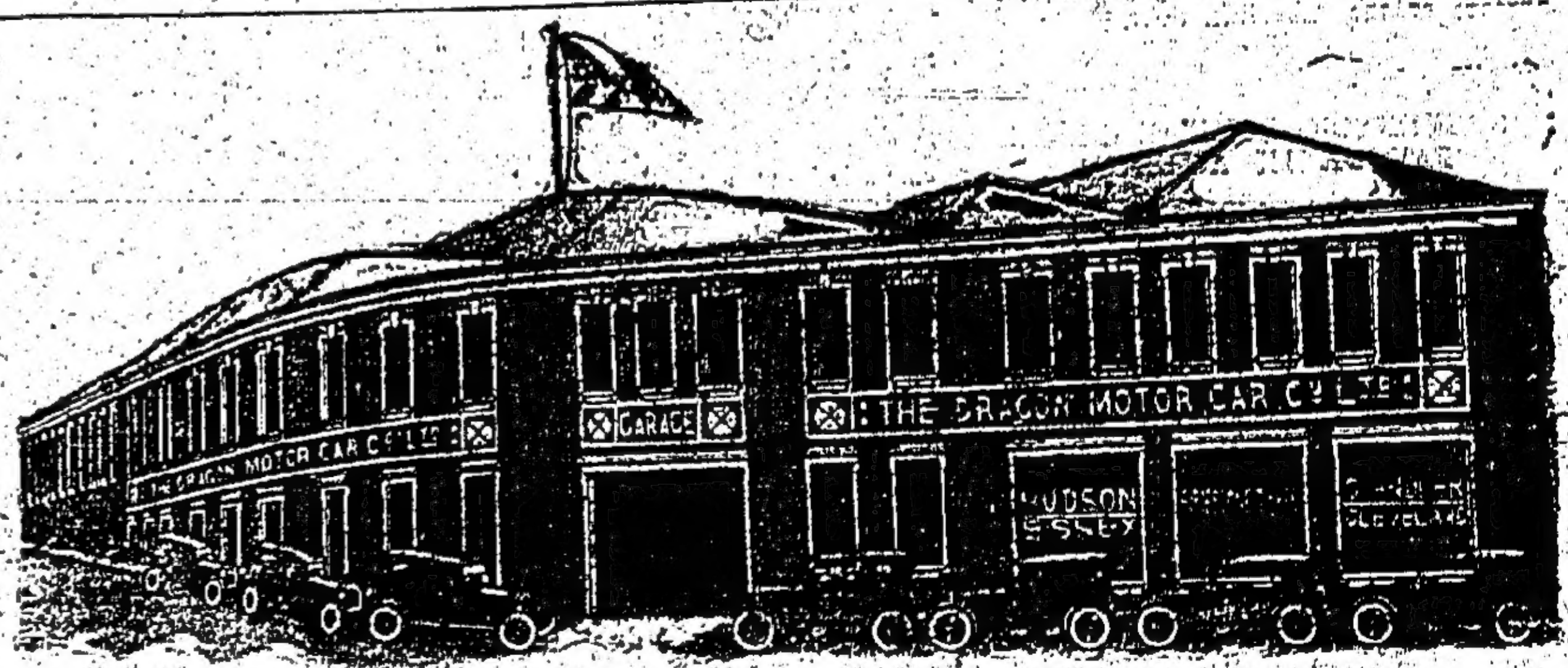
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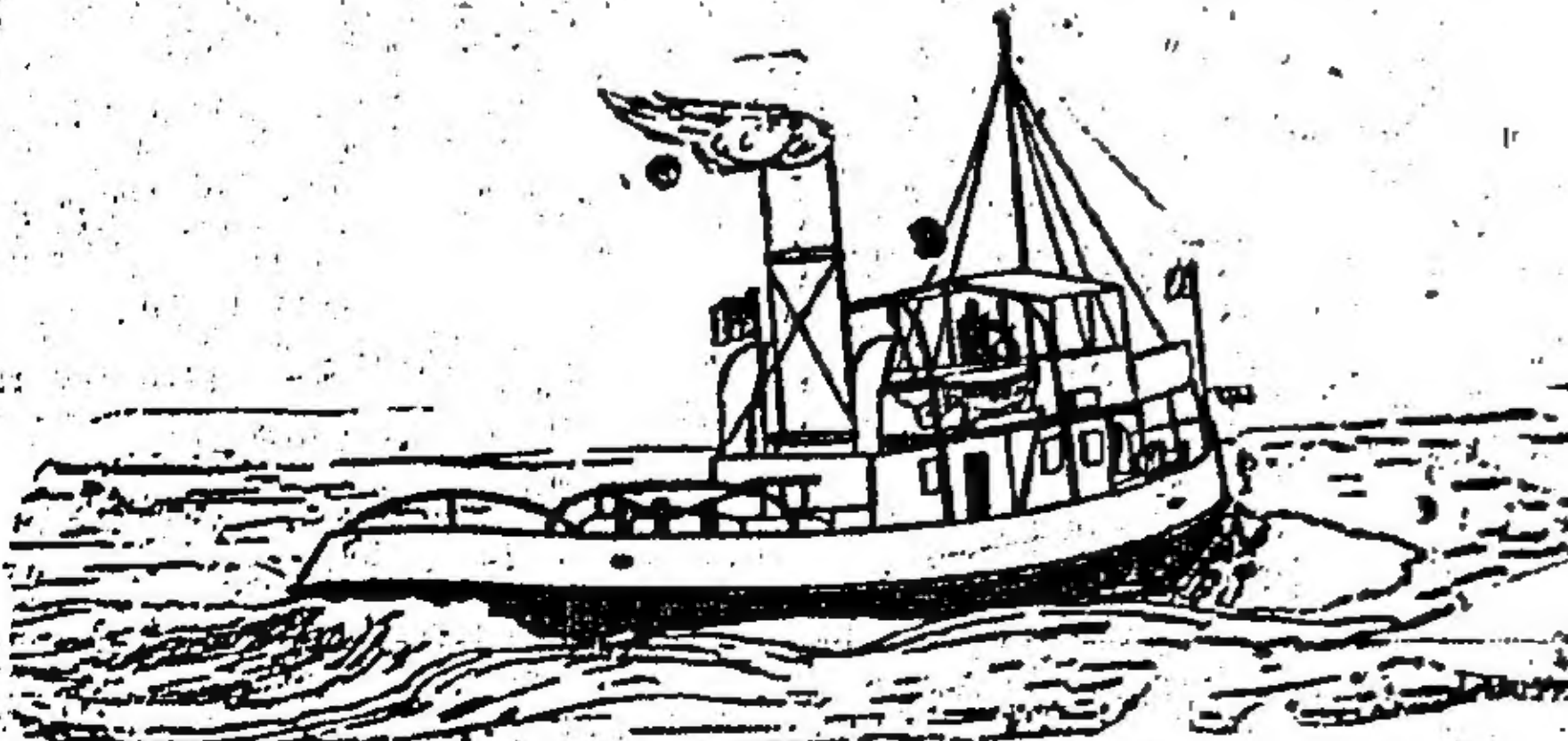
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An interesting account of the efforts made by the Burma Government to put down slavery and human sacrifices in the Naga Hills is contained in a report by Mr. H. Clayton, I.C.S., lately Commissioner of the North-Eastern Frontier of Burma. According to the official estimate in June last, there were 271 slaves against 373 in the previous year in Khampti. A few deaths of slaves have occurred but the reduction is mainly due to the slaves redeeming themselves and being released gratis by the owners. Mr. Clayton states that in the Hukong valley the carrying out of survey operations by Colonel Rich (No. 10 Party, India Survey) led to further development of Government action for the release of the slaves. Colonel Rich reported that he had come across several cases of Indians who had been enticed by the Nagas to enter the unadministered country to work as blacksmiths and subsequently seized and sold as slaves in the Hukong valley. Some of these men settled down with wives provided for them and have no desire to be liberated, but a certain number appealed to Colonel Rich to procure their freedom.

The matter was brought to the notice of Government and Rs. 1,000 was placed at the disposal of Colonel Rich for the liberation of such Indian slaves in the Hukong valley as desired their freedom. After a thorough enquiry, Colonel Rich found seven Indians only in slavery among the Hukong Kachins, a smaller number than was anticipated. There were in addition a number of proxy of Indian slaves and Kachin women but as they are now to all intents and purposes Kachins, no steps were taken for their release. Of the seven Indians two who had been enticed away from their homes in the Central Provinces in their childhood were taken to Assam and there captured by the Nagas. They were released and employment was found for them in the survey party and arrangements made to readmit them to their caste. They had been 10 and 27 years respectively in slavery. The third was released and left as a freeman in the valley and others were contented with their lot. In addition, a Kachin, British subject and an Indian girl earmarked for sacrifice by the Nagas were also released. All the five slaves were released with the consent of their owners.

A COMMON PRACTICE.

Colonel Rich received the thanks of the Lieutenant Governor for his report and the great tact and discretion shown by him in dealing with the situation. Colonel Rich's investigations showed that human sacrifice is very much commoner in the Naga Hills than had hitherto been supposed. It appears from information given by the two Nagas who accompanied Colonel Rich that the number of human sacrifices in the Naga Hills is never less than from 6 to 10 annually and that sometimes when funds are plentiful there are between 20 and 30 Indian children both boys and girls, kidnapped from Assam, are the commonest victims but any slaves available, are also slaughtered. The situation created by the extension of the survey operations to the Naga Hills is thus a difficult one. Mr. Clayton writes: "As has been marked by my predecessor, Mr. Thornton, it is unthinkable at these human sacrifices can be allowed to continue with the full knowledge of Government officers and unfortunately any attempt to redeem the slaves intended for the sacrifice only creates a vicious circle in which a fantastic price is charged for the victim saved and money hoarded for a bigger and more expensive sacrifice later on. The only definite and final solution of the problem would appear to be, the direct administration by the Government of tracts where these hideous practices prevail."

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HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSHING"	Friday, 13th Apr. Noon
TIENSIN	"CHIPSING"	Friday, 13th Apr. 3 p.m.
MANILA	"KOONGSANG"	Friday, 13th Apr. 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"WOSANG"	Sunday, 15th Apr. 10 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tuesday, 17th Apr. 3 p.m.
KORE via SHANGHAI	"NAMSANG"	Thursday, 19th Apr. Noon
BANDAHAN	"HINSANG"	Friday, 20th Apr. 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via HOIHOW	"CHUNSANG"	Saturday, 21st Apr. 10 a.m.
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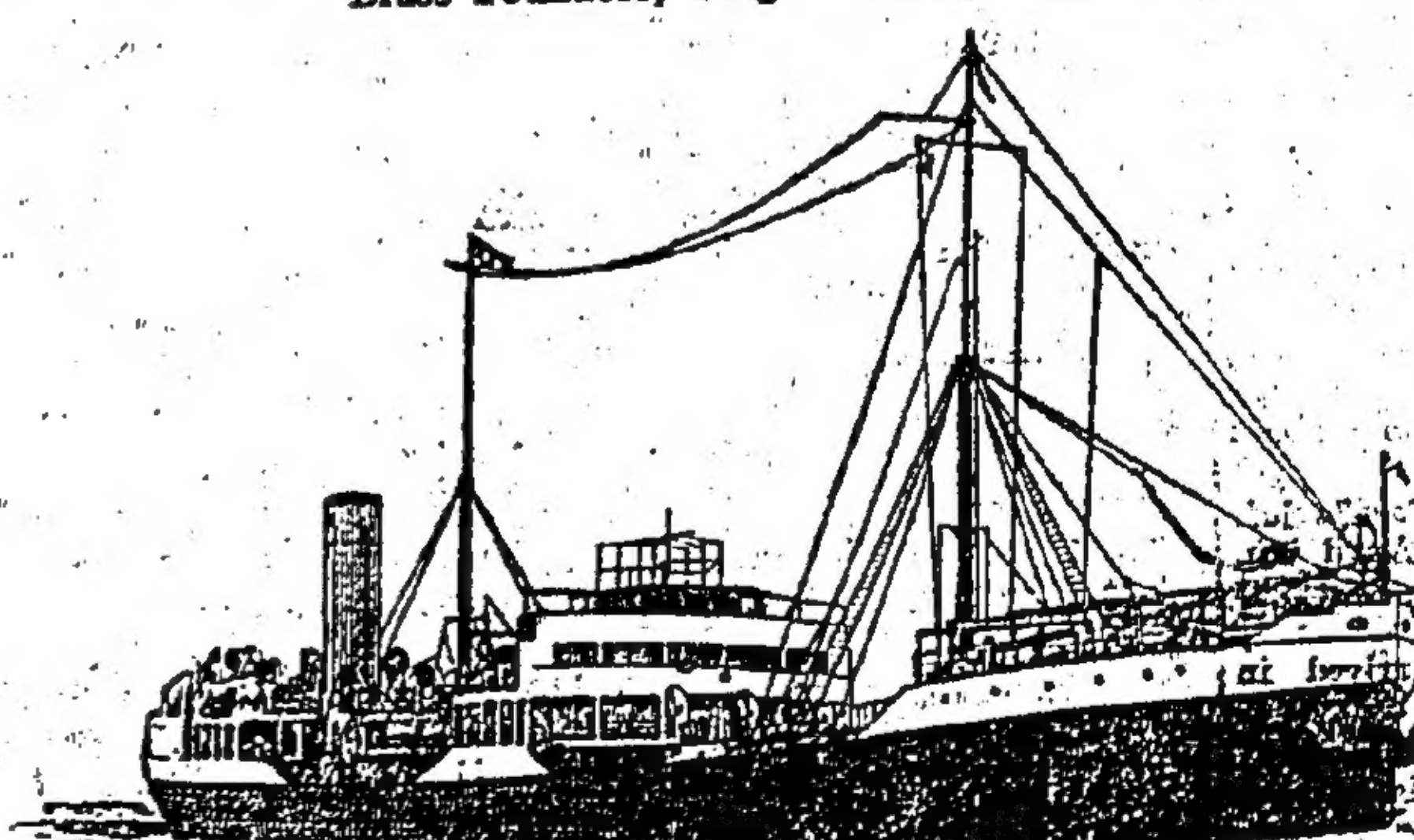
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